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Distribution of \$3.6 million in emergency dairy farm relief

The Department has verified the production and determined that 180 farms are eligible for payment. The total production for these farms for 2006 was just over 272.7 million pounds yielding a payment rate of just over \$1.32 per hundredweight of milk. Payments are anticipated to be issued late this week (week beginning July 15). The average payment of those 180 farmers will be \$19,565.

Farmers interested in more information about their payment, please contact Bill Gillmeister at (617) 626-1811 for further information.